IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph on page 8, line 14 of the Specification as follows:

The present application also describes a relational ~~modeller~~ **modeler** apparatus which, according to one embodiment, is adapted to translate a relational query from a software application requesting management information from a specified information source, to native protocol messages according to an access protocol associated with the information source, wherein said native protocol messages is handled as a transaction with the information source

Please amend the first paragraph on page 19, lines 6-7 of the Specification as follows:

Because management interfaces generally lack commonality between them, a management application typically hard-wires each of the interfaces into the application logic. The application **(51)** has one module **(52a, 52b, and 52c)** for each of the interfaces **(55a, 55b, and 55c, respectively)**, with each interface possibly having multiple variants **(53a, 53b, 54a, and 54b)** depending on the vendors supported, as exemplarily depicted in Figure 5.

Please amend the paragraph on page 19, line 25 - page 20, line 1 of the Specification as follows:

The subject management tools address the issues regarding supporting management information sources in a multi-vendor, multi-management interfaces. The management information source **(63a, 63b, and 63c)** is modeled as a virtual relational database **by the relational modeler 62**. Management applications **(61)** map the information requests on this relational model, as shown in Figure 6.